

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the above-identified application.

Restriction Election Requirements

The claims of the present application have been subjected to a Restriction Requirement as follows:

- Group (i) -- claims 7-11 with formula (2);
- Group (ii) -- claims 12, 15 18 and 19 with formula (6); and
- Group (iii) -- claim 16 with formula (8); and
- Group (iv) -- claim 17 with formula (9).

Applicants have also been required to elect a single disclosed species within the elected Group.

Election

Applicants hereby elect Group (i), i.e. claims 7-11, which includes formula (2). This election is made with traverse.

Applicants further elect as a “single disclosed species” the structure of resin (a1) and/or resin (a2) which is shown at the top of page 60 of the present specification. This election is also made with traverse.

Reasons for Traversal

It is submitted that the structural units of formula (8) and formula (9) both fall within the generic scope of the structural units of formula (2). Thus, at least Groups (i), (iii), and (iv)

should be examined because there is no undue burden placed on the Examiner to examine all of this subject matter. That is, all of elected claims 7-11 should be examined together with claims 16 and 17.

The Election Requirement is also traversed. The scope of the structural units of formula (2), as well as of formulas (8) and (9), are all reasonable in scope such that the Examiner should expand the search and the examination of the present claims to at least include the scope of all the formulas (2), (8) and (9).

In addition to the above, it is also respectfully requested that the subject matter of Group (ii), i.e. claims 12, 15, 18 and 19, be examined together with the elected claims. The subject matter of the claims of Group (ii) is sufficiently related to that of the subject matter of the elected claims, such that there is no undue burden for the Examiner to additionally fully examine these non-elected claims.

If any questions arise in the above matters, please contact Applicant's representative, Andrew D. Meikle (Reg. No. 32,868), in the Washington Metropolitan Area at the phone number listed below.


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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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